## --- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Montreal Division "M 69" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

**--- the 28 mm. imprint** "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

**--- Inscribed "NOT MORE THAN - 1/20 - ENTRY" in the value panel ---**

**--- 1/20th pound - lithographed in blue ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed** *J. L. Vincent* / **Col. Inland Rev.---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

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John McKay records that 85,100 *lithographed* copies of "1-20 Blue Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886), and then he also lists 137,900 *lithographed* copies of "Not more than 1-20th Blue Tobacco" as 'Delivered' under the same 3rd BABN Contract. I can find no difference in the 1-20th pound Division "Open" and the "Montreal" Division strips, both of which are inscribed **NOT MORE THAN - 1/20 - ENTRY**.

John McKay *does not* record the printing of the 1/20th pound blue "Series of 1883" anywhere in the report. I presume that this initial entry of 85,100 strips of "1/20th Blue Ribbon Tobacco" is from the "Series of 1883", and should have been recorded as *recess printed* by hand press.

John McKay reports that 294,347 *lithographed* copies of "1/20 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). This final section of the McKay 4th Contract Report has been reserved for the *obsolete* 1880-81 tobacco strips 'Delivered' by BABN to the Department for disposal in February / March 1888.

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| **3rd BABN Contract** (1878 - 1886) - | 137,900 |
| **4th BABN Contract** (1886 - 1892) - | 294,347 |
| | 432,247 |

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The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1/20th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

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| 1/20th pound, Division Open - A 69 | **051143** |
| 1/20th pound, Montreal Division - M 69 | **092010** |
| | 143,153 |

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The catalogue lists the 1/20th pound, blue, Montreal Division "M 69" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

**RP-358** - 1/20th pound, blue, perf 12, Montreal Division "M 69", on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

**RP-358n** - 1/20th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 69"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - inscribed on the back "*Rec. 13 / 10 / 81*"

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**--- RP-358 - 1/20th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---**

**RP-358** - 1/20th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 69"**, control number **090373**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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| **092012** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **092018** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **090373★** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **090392★** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **091290★** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **091292** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **092001-10** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, |
| **092017** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **092031** | RP-358 1/20th pound, "Montreal" Division, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |

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